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Meetings of Branches & Divisions.

[*The proceedings of the Divisions and Branches of the Association relating to Scientific and Clinical Medicine, when reported by the Honorary Secretaries, are published in the body of the* JOURNAL.]

ABERDEEN BRANCH.

THE annual meeting of this Branch was held in the Grand Hotel, Aberdeen, on Saturday, October 16th, at 1.15 p.m. The PRESIDENT (Dr. George Williamson) occupied the chair, and there was a good attendance of members.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the last meeting, and the Council's report for the past year, were read and approved.

Treasurer's Report.—The Treasurer's report, which showed a balance for the year of £23 13s. 10d., was also approved.

Election of Officers.—The following were then appointed office-bearers for 1909-10:—*President*, Dr. Patrick Mitchell, Old Rain; *President-elect*, Dr. John Gordon, Aberdeen; *Vice-Presidents*, Dr. Cran, Banchory; Dr. G. Williamson, Aberdeen; *Treasurer*, Dr. J. R. Levack; *Secretaries*, Dr. Thomas Fraser, 45, Elmbank Terrace, Aberdeen; Dr. F. K. Smith, 207, Great Western Road, Aberdeen; *Council (County)*, Dr. Rorie, Cults; Dr. Middleton, Peterhead; Dr. Davidson, Torphins; *(Town)*, Dr. Lister, Dr. Geddie, Dr. Dalgarno; Dr. Yule, Lerwick, Shetland; Dr. Bell, Kirkwall, Orkney; *Representative at Annual Representative Meeting*, Dr. Lawson, Nordrach-on-Dee, Banchory, was reappointed Representative to the Representative Meeting.

Summer Meeting.—The arrangements for the summer meeting were referred to the Council.

Vote of Thanks.—Dr. J. F. Christie, who resigned the post of Senior Secretary at this meeting, was warmly thanked for the excellent work he had done for the Branch.

Luncheon.—The members afterwards had lunch together in the hotel.

BATH AND BRISTOL BRANCH:
TROWBRIDGE DIVISION.

Chairman's Meeting.—An interesting innovation has been introduced in this Division in the form of a "Chairman's meeting," when a mixed audience is invited to listen to a more or less popular lecture on a scientific topic. The innovation commenced last year, when the then chairman, Dr. Tubb-Thomas, invited Dr. Macnaughton Jones to lecture on Pasteur.

Address.—On October 7th Mr. JAMES CANTLIE visited Frome, on the invitation of Dr. Rattray, and gave an extremely interesting address on the Influence of Vermin in the Spread of Disease. The assembly room of the George Hotel was filled by a considerable audience of ladies and gentlemen, twenty-four medical men being present. Mr. Cantlie commenced his address by dealing with the instinctive aversion felt towards vermin and reptiles, and explained this on the scientific basis of their influence as carriers of disease. The medium of the domestic animals was then explained, and it was shown how tuberculosis might be spread by the cow, glanders by the horse, trichinosis by the pig, and an interesting account was given of the spread of Malta fever by means of goat's milk, and the measures taken to control the disease. The lecturer then passed in review the influence of the house-fly in typhoid fever, of the louse in leprosy, of the tsetse-fly in sleeping sickness, and of the mosquito in malaria. The former incidence of plague in this country was then narrated, with the rôle of the rat and its attendant flea; and, in an interesting "aside," Mr. Cantlie explained the origin of the emblem of the snake as a healer of disease. An excellent series of limelight illustrations was then thrown upon the screen, showing the malarial parasite in its various stages, the guinea worm, filaria, and leprosy.

Votes of Thanks.—A hearty vote of thanks to Mr. Cantlie for his extremely interesting address was proposed by the CHAIRMAN (Dr. Rattray), and seconded by Dr. H. P. TAYLER. Dr. WILLCOX proposed and Dr. LOCKET seconded a vote of thanks to Dr. and Mrs. Rattray for all they had done to arrange a very successful meeting. Thanks were also accorded to Messrs. Down Bros., Limited, and to Messrs. Oppenheimer, Son, and Co., Limited, whose representatives attended the meeting, and showed an excellent series of the exhibits of their firms.

Tea.—The company was then entertained to tea by the kindness of Dr. and Mrs. Rattray.

BIRMINGHAM BRANCH.

A SPECIAL and ordinary meeting was held at the Medical Institute on Thursday, October 14th, at 3.30 o'clock. The PRESIDENT (Dr. Manley) was in the chair, and thirty-four members were present.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The minutes of the previous meeting were read, confirmed, and signed.

Organization Subcommittee.—The following resolution was moved by the PRESIDENT, seconded by Dr. LYDALL, and carried unanimously:

That an Organization Subcommittee be formed, consisting of the officers of the Branch and secretaries of the Divisions, with the view of arranging canvassing committees for each Division.

Annual Dinner.—It was resolved that the annual dinner be held this year on November 11th. It was resolved that Rule 12 be altered so that the Council may exercise their discretion in fixing the date of the annual dinner.

Dietetic Theories of America.—Dr. ALEXANDER BRYCE read a paper entitled, A Personal Investigation into the Dietetic Theories of America. The trip to America was undertaken with the object of reconciling the divergent and apparently hostile dietetic theories which had emanated from that country. Some time was spent in the research laboratories of the Battle Creek Sanatorium, the well-known vegetarian institution under the superintendence of Dr. J. H. Kellogg. The system of diet practised there was the low protein fleshless one, which seemed to be acceptable in the main alike to patients and attendants. It appeared specially applicable for giving endurance, as was demonstrated by the superior calibre of the men from that institution as compared with the selected meat-eating Yale athletes. Dr. Harvey Wiley, of Washington, while believing that the practice of medicine in the future would be largely a practice of dietetics, had no patience with fads in foods. Dr. Francis G. Benedict, of the Nutrition Laboratory, Boston, studied diet from the standpoint of the energy it evolved, and in all cases found that, based on this evidence, scanty diets were less common than was supposed. Professor Folin, of Harvard, believed that the average man could adapt himself to any form of diet. Chittenden, Mendel, Irving Fisher, and Anderson, of Yale, were all low protein, mixed food advocates. There were three classes of dietetic reformers: (1) Flesh abstainers; (2) purin-free feeders; (3) low protein feeders. These systems were contrasted and compared, and the conclusion reached that moderation in all things was the only sensible doctrine. Probably most men conformed more closely to the low protein diet than they were willing to admit. The healthy man could live on any system of diet by attention to moderation and regularity, but the unhealthy man must look to the dietetic expert to guide him in the selection of the best system or kinds of food to suit his case. The paper was discussed by Drs. ALFRED CARTER, MALET, WILKES, HENTON-WHITE, OAKES, MELSON, LYDALL, POTTS, KIRBY, PIETERSEN, and THOMAS WILSON. Dr. BRYCE replied.

CENTRAL DIVISION.

Payment to Medical Practitioners attending Midwives' Calls.

THE efforts of the Central Division to secure adequate remuneration for medical practitioners attending midwives' calls commenced soon after the Midwives Act became law, and at a general meeting of the Division in March, 1905, a scale of fees drawn up by the Executive Committee received the approval of the members, who expressed the opinion that the fees should be paid by some public authority in cases where the patient could not pay, and the local supervising authority rather than the guardians should make these payments.

Until it was decided through which authority payment should be made nothing more could be done, but when in July, 1907, the Local Government Board issued a circular letter to boards of guardians urging payment through the Poor Law authority, negotiations were at once opened with the Birmingham Board, which resulted in the adoption by that body of the Division's suggested scale. This arrangement was admittedly tentative, and was extended from quarter to quarter until August this year, when the Executive Committee received a letter from the clerk to the guardians asking a deputation to meet them with a view to the rearrangement of the scale. The executive appointed a deputation, who met the guardians and presented the following report to the executive on October 6th, 1909:

REPORT OF DEPUTATION TO THE GUARDIANS.

The deputation appointed by the Executive Committee on August 18th to meet the guardians with a view to the rearrangement of the scale of fees payable to medical practitioners called in to assist midwives in destitute cases within the parish of Birmingham attended at the parish offices on September 2nd, at 3.45 p.m. Dr. Neal was unfortunately prevented from attending, but the other three members of the deputation were present.

The principal point upon which the members of the Outdoor Relief and Dispensary Committee, the body to which this matter had been referred, seemed to require information was the fact that, out of 41 cases attended by medical men, in 33 claims had been sent in for the maximum fee. There was no suggestion made that the claim was in any single case unfounded, but the large preponderance of the more serious conditions struck the Committee as serious.

It was pointed out that it was only in the more serious cases that some midwives would send, and that in many cases the smaller fees would be met by the patients themselves.

The Committee seemed anxious to adopt some uniform fee to apply to all cases, but as your deputation had no authority to discuss such a proposal, no definite suggestion as to fee was made. It was then pointed out to the Committee that the Local Government Board Departmental Committee on the Working of the Midwives Act had recently presented its report, one recommendation of which is that the Local Government Board should itself fix a scale of fees.

The existence of this report came as a surprise to the Committee, and it was eventually decided under the circumstances to recommend that the present scale be continued until the end of the year.

At the same time the members of the deputation undertook to bring the question of a fixed fee to apply to all cases before this Executive for discussion.

(Signed) E. D. KIRBY, W. T. LYDALL, J. H. WHITE } Members of Deputation.

(W. R. J. Initialled by Chairman of Division.)

Scale of Fees.

Clause A.—5s. for first visit, and 2s. 6d. for any subsequent visits.

Clause B.—1. £2, to include five subsequent visits.

2., 3., 4., 5. } One guinea, to include five subsequent visits.

Clauses C and D.—5s. for first visit, and 2s. 6d. for subsequent ones, but if the case be one of puerperal septicæmia, the fee for the first visit to be 10s. 6d.

COVENTRY DIVISION.

Annual Dinner.—The annual dinner of this Division was held at the Masonic Hall on October 13th, when twenty-nine members and their guests attended. Dr. SNELL presided, in the regretted absence of Dr. Richardson Rice through illness. The visitors included Dr. Herbert Manley, President of the Birmingham Branch, and Dr. W. R. Jordan, Chairman of the Central Division (Birmingham). Dr. MANLEY, in replying to the toast of his health by Dr. MILNER MOORE, discussed the effect that the adoption of the Poor Law Commission's report would have on the profession. He regarded such adoption in some shape inevitable, and urged the Association to be ready for the coming changes, and to use every influence to prevent the threatened extinction of the general practitioner. Dr. JORDAN, in replying for the visitors, which toast was proposed by Dr. J. ORTON, urged Coventry to maintain the fight on the dispensary question, and declared that the consultants of Birmingham would continue to give their sympathy and support as in the past. He assured the Division that two consultants who had inadvertently come to Coventry, in consultation with the medical officer of the dispensary, regretted their action, and that it would certainly not be repeated. Dr. PURSLOW also replied for the visitors. Music and bridge terminated the proceedings.

STIRLING BRANCH.

THE autumn meeting of the Branch was held on Thursday, October 14th, at 3 p.m., in the Queen Victoria Military School, Dunblane, by the kind permission of Colonel M. Grant Wilkinson, Commandant. Dr. J. ERNEST MOORHOUSE, Vice-President, was in the chair, and the other members who attended were Drs. Greig,

Sloan, Gardner, Dewar, Strachan, Highet, Currie, Wood, Buist, and the Honorary Secretary (Stewart). Drs. Balfour, Brown, Galbraith, Mitchell, and Johnstone were present as guests.

Apologies for Non-attendance.—Apologies for inability to attend were intimated from Drs. Griffiths and Hosack Fraser.

Confirmation of Minutes.—The Chairman signed the minutes of the previous meeting.

Letter from the President.—A letter was read from the President (Dr. Mitchell, Camelon) expressing his regret that, owing to illness, he was unable to be present. The Secretary was instructed to convey to Dr. Mitchell the sympathy of the Branch, and to express the earnest hope that he would soon be restored to health.

Annual Representative Meeting.—Dr. GEORGE GARDNER gave an able and interesting account of the proceedings of the Representative Meeting at Belfast. On the motion of the VICE-PRESIDENT (Dr. Moorhouse), seconded by Lieutenant-Colonel F. J. GREIG, it was resolved to award an honorarium to Dr. Gardner (who has proved one of the most enthusiastic Representatives the Branch has had the good fortune to possess) for his services.

Address.—Lieutenant-Colonel F. J. GREIG, R.A.M.C. (retired), late instructor, School of Instruction, R.A.M.C., Aldershot, and Honorary Consulting Surgeon to Queen Victoria Military School, Dunblane, gave an address on Medical Military Arrangements in Connexion with Home Defence. The lecturer expressed himself an enthusiastic advocate of national military service, and explained that the military status of the Territorial Force was immensely improved as compared with the Volunteer Force. With the aid of a diagram showing the normal distribution of the medical services to various formations, he gave a graphic account of the medical arrangements on active service. It is a severe test of the ability of a lecturer when he attempts to interest a professional audience on a subject which is in a measure foreign to their daily occupation and lines of thought. In the opinion of those who had the pleasure of listening to Lieutenant-Colonel Greig, he succeeded in his task to an eminent degree.

Vote of Thanks.—On the motion of Dr. MOORHOUSE, the lecturer was awarded the hearty thanks of the members for his instructive and enjoyable address.

Tea.—At the close of the meeting afternoon tea was served, and a vote of thanks to the Commandant, Colonel M. Grant Wilkinson, and Dr. S. M. Sloan, medical officer to the school, terminated a very successful meeting.

Association Notices.

COUNCIL MEETING.

A MEETING of the Council will be held at 2 o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, October 27th, in the Council Room, at 429, Strand, London, W.C.

By Order,

September 16th, 1909. GUY ELLISTON

BRANCH AND DIVISION MEETINGS TO BE HELD.

BIRMINGHAM BRANCH: CENTRAL DIVISION.—A general meeting of the Division will be held at the Medical Institute on Wednesday, November 17th, to elect a Representative for the Division. Nominations for this office must be in the hands of the Honorary Secretaries by October 27th.—A. W. NUTHALL, W. T. LYDALL, Medical Institute, Birmingham.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH.—The Branch Ethical Committee will meet at the Liverpool Medical Institution at 4.30 p m., on Wednesday, November 3rd. The Branch Organization and Finance Committee will meet at Onward Buildings, Deansgate, Manchester, at 4.30 p.m., on Wednesday, November 10th. The Branch Science Committee will meet in Manchester, at 4.30 p.m., on Wednesday, November 17th.—F. CHARLES LARKIN, Honorary Branch Secretary.

LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH: WARRINGTON DIVISION.—A scientific meeting will be held at the Infirmary, Warrington, on Tuesday, November 2nd, at 8 p.m.—T. A. MURRAY, Honorary Secretary.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH.—The Council of this Branch has made arrangements to hold a meeting, at which the three Direct Representatives of the profession for England and Wales on the General Medical Council, Drs. Langley Browne, Latimer, and McManus, will address their constituents who are resident in the metropolis and its neighbourhood. The meeting will be held on Monday, November 22nd, at 4.30 p.m., at the St. James's Vestry Hall, Piccadilly, W. (close to Piccadilly Circus). All members of the profession are invited to attend, whether members of the Association or not.—E. W. GOODALL and W. GRIFFITH, Honorary Secretaries.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: NORWOOD DIVISION.—The next meeting of this Division will be held on Thursday, October 28th, at 4 p.m., at the Queen's Hotel, Upper Norwood, Dr. J. Curling Bates in the chair. The committee will meet at 3.45. As matters of importance connected with the organization of the Division will be discussed, the committee earnestly desire a full attendance.—J. A. HOWARD, Honorary Secretary, 40, Harold Road, Upper Norwood, S.E.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: RICHMOND DIVISION.—The annual dinner of this Division will be held at the Trocadero Restaurant, W., on Wednesday, October 27th, 1909, at 8 p.m.—G. CARDNO STILL, Honorary Secretary.

METROPOLITAN COUNTIES BRANCH: WESTMINSTER DIVISION.—The next ordinary meeting of the Westminster Division will be held on Thursday, October 28th, at the Criterion Restaurant, the President, J. H. Dauber, M.A., M.B.Oxon, F.R.C.S.I., in the chair. At 7.30 p.m. the members will dine together (evening dress optional). The price of the dinner will be 5s. Members are cordially invited to bring guests, or if unable to attend the dinner, to come to the business meeting afterwards. 8 30 p.m., Ordinary business of the Association. Agenda: (1) Minutes. (2) Correspondence. (3) Report from Medical Secretary. (4) Report of Representative to the Annual Representative Meeting. 9.0 p.m., J. Bland-Sutton, Esq., F.R.C.S., will read a paper on Certain Aspects of Appendicitis. All members of the profession will be welcome at the meeting and at the dinner, if they will notify one of the Honorary Secretaries at least a day before the meeting.—J. HOWELL EVANS, 25, Berkeley Square, W.; W. A. MILLIGAN, 68, Park Street, Grosvenor Square, W., Honorary Secretaries.

NORTHERN COUNTIES OF SCOTLAND BRANCH.—A clinical meeting of this Branch will be held at Gray's Hospital, Elgin, on Saturday, October 30th, at 12.30 p.m. Members desirous of reading papers or showing cases will oblige by sending the name and title to the Honorary Secretary as soon as possible.—J. MUNRO MOIR, 4, Ardross Terrace, Inverness, Honorary Secretary.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: BROMLEY DIVISION.—A meeting of this Division will be held at the Bell Hotel, Bromley, on Thursday, October 28th, at 8.30 p.m. Agenda: (1) To read the minutes of the last meeting. (2) To decide where next meeting will be held. (3) Paper by Dr. Herschell: The Lactobacilline Treatment of Gastro-intestinal and other Diseases.—A. TENNYSON-SMITH, Orpington, Honorary Secretary.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: FOLKESTONE DIVISION.—A combined meeting of the East Kent Divisions will be held at the Victoria Hospital, Folkestone, on Wednesday, October 27th, at 3.15 p.m. Agenda: Minutes. A paper will be read by W. Bruce Clarke, F.R.C.S., Surgeon to St. Bartholomew's Hospital, on the Treatment of Gastric Ulceration, with lantern demonstration. Some Clinical Cases will be shown. Any other business. Luncheon at Hotel Wampach at 1.30 p.m., 2s. 6d. per head. All members of the South-Eastern Branch are invited to attend, and introduce professional friends.—P. VERNON DODD, Folkestone, Honorary Secretary.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: GUILDFORD DIVISION. — The autumn meeting of this Division will be held at the Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, on Friday, November 5th, at 4.30 p.m. Dr. A. Hope Walker, Chairman of the Division, will preside. Agenda: (1) Minutes of the annual meeting. (2) Paper: Mr. R. P. Rowlands, F.R.C.S., will give an address on "Some Mistakes in Diagnosis and their Teaching," to be followed by a discussion. (3) Any other business. Tea will be provided at 4.15. Dinner at 6.30 at the Lion Hotel. Charge 6s., exclusive of wine. The Honorary Secretaries will be glad to hear from any members willing to show cases or specimens.—H. B. BUTLER, Eastdale, Guildford, E. J. SMYTH, Maythorne, Guildford, Honorary Secretaries.

SOUTH-EASTERN BRANCH: MAIDSTONE DIVISION.—The next meeting of this Division will be held at the Kent County Ophthalmic Hospital on Friday, October 29th, at 3.30 p.m. Members wishing to move propositions will kindly communicate at once with the Honorary Secretary, GEORGE POTTS, Kent County Ophthalmic Hospital, Maidstone.

WEST SOMERSET BRANCH.—The autumn meeting of this Branch is to be held on Tuesday, November 2nd, at the Taunton and Somerset Hospital, at 4 p.m., when the chair will be taken by the President, Mr. Charles Farrant. Mr. Walter G. Spencer, M.S., F.R.C.S., Surgeon to Westminster Hospital, has kindly promised to read a paper on Indications for Immediately Opening the Abdomen in Acute Cases. The West Somerset medical dinner will follow the meeting.—W. B. WINCKWORTH, Taunton, Honorary Secretary.

YORKSHIRE BRANCH.—The next meeting of this Branch will be held at the Royal Infirmary, Halifax, on Wednesday, November 17th, at 4 o'clock. Members intending to read papers, show specimens or cases, or to propose new members are requested to communicate at once with the Secretary. Members will dine together at 6.30.—ADOLPH BRONNER, 33, Manor Row, Bradford, Honorary Secretary.

Naval and Military Appointments

ROYAL NAVY MEDICAL SERVICE.

SURGEON F. L. J. M. DE VERTEUIL, M.D., has been allowed to withdraw from the service with a gratuity, October 14th. He was appointed Surgeon, November 21st, 1904.

The following appointments have been made at the Admiralty: Surgeon W. K. D. BRETON, to be lent to the *Fisgard*, temporarily, undated; Fleet Surgeon Q. LEY and Surgeon J. GLAISTER, M.B., to the *Niobe*, for the voyage out, November 3rd, and to the *Kent*, on recommissioning; Fleet Surgeon F. A. BRICE, to the *Ariadne*, October 19th; Fleet Surgeon W. BETT and Surgeon C. J. O'CONNELL, to the *Sutlej*, on recommissioning, November 3rd; Fleet Surgeon E. SUTTON, to the *Niobe*, for the voyage home, undated.

INDIAN MEDICAL SERVICE.

LIEUTENANT P. M. RENNIE, M.B., Brigade Laboratory, Abbottabad, is appointed Specialist in the Prevention of Disease, from August 6th.

SPECIAL RESERVE OF OFFICERS.

ROYAL ARMY MEDICAL CORPS.

LIEUTENANT R. MAGILL, M.B., Supplementary List, is confirmed in that rank.

CHANGES OF STATIONS.

THE following changes of stations amongst the officers of the Army Medical Service have been officially reported to have taken place during September, 1909:

		FROM	TO
Lieut.-Col.	R. H. S. Sawyer, M.B., F.R.C.S.I.	Pretoria	London.
,,	H. J. Barratt	Shorncliffe	Straits Settlements.
,,	C. W. Johnson, M.B.	Sheerness	Gibraltar.
,,	G. G. Adams	Salisbury	Cosham.
,,	W. S. Day, M.B.	Beaumaris	Chester.
,,	H. M. Adamson, M.B.	Fyzabad	Irish Comd.
,,	R. Holyoake	Ambala	Sheerness.
,,	F. S. Le Quesne, V.C.	Lucknow	Dinapore.
Major	B. H. Scott	Edinburgh	Barry Camp.
,,	W. L. Gray, M.B.	Winchester	Bulford.
,,	C. R. Elliott, M.D.	Dublin	India.
,,	J. Thomson, M.B.	Woolwich	South Africa.
,,	A. Pearse	—	Woolwich.
,,	J. E. Brogden	Caterham	Gibraltar.
,,	N. Tyacke	Devonport	Bulford.
,,	W. J. Taylor, M.B.	Carmavey Cp.	Belfast.
,,	H. C. French	Woolwich	Malta.
,,	C. M. Fleury	Tidworth	Bulford.
,,	J. V. Forrest, M.B.	Woolwich	Egypt
,,	E. C. Hayes	Netley	Bulford.
,,	T. H. M. Clarke, C.M.G., D.S.O., M.B.	Plymouth	Salisbury.
Captain	J. W. H. Houghton, M.B.	—	London.
,,	L. W. Harrison, M.B.	Chatham	,,
,,	E. W. Siberry	Aldershot	South Africa.
,,	C. S. Smith, M.B.	Glen Imaal Cp.	Curragh.
,,	W. L. Baker	Dublin	Malta.
,,	G. J. Houghton	Cork	Queenstown.
,,	F. McLennan, M.B.	Fort George	Barry.
,,	F. P. Lauder	—	Aldershot.
,,	L. L. G. Thorpe	Netley	Durrington Camp.
,,	W. S. Crosthwait	Cork	Cahir.
,,	R. F. Ellery	Okehampton	Devonport.
,,	W. J. Waters	Devonport	Plymouth
,,	W. M. Power	Tidworth	Bulford
,,	T. B. Unwin, M.B.	Lichfield	Aldershot.
,,	R. F. M. Fawcett	Cosham	Bulford.
,,	R. McK. Skinner	Glasgow	Perth.
,,	H. A. Bransbury	Warley	Northampton.
,,	R. N. Woodley	Belfast	Cork.
,,	E. Ryan	Devonport	Aldershot.
,,	D. L. Harding, F.R.C.S.I.	Conway Camp	Chester.
,,	H. Rogers, M.B.	Cork	Queenstown.
,,	L. Cotterill	Stobs	Edinburgh.
,,	P. Davidson, D.S.O., M.B.	Mudford	Netley.
,,	R. L. V. Foster, M.B.	Egypt. Army	Irish Comd.
,,	T. S. Coates, M.B.	Brackenbir Moor Camp	Manchester.
,,	J. B. Meldon, M.B.	Kilbride	Dublin.
,,	J. H. Duguid, M.B.	Barry Camp	Fort George.
,,	T. S. Dudding	Chapelbay Cp.	Shrewsbury.
,,	H. H. J. Fawcett	Cosham	Parkhouse Cp.
,,	T. J. Wright	Maymyo	Cork Dist.
,,	G. S. C. Hayes	Aldershot	London Dist.
,,	P. Power, M.B.	Ballykinler Camp	Armagh.
,,	W. R. Galwey, M.B.	Willsworthy Camp	India.
Lieutenant	A. H. Heslop, M.B.	Gharial	Barian.
,,	W. I. Thompson, M.B.	Lucknow	Naini Tal.
,,	A. H. Jacob	Rawul Pindi	Campbellpore.
,,	A. Fortescue, M.B.	Netley	India.
,,	F. H. M. Chapman	Tidworth	,,
,,	W. G. Aviss	York	,,
,,	F. Casement, M.B.	Naini Tal	Lucknow.
,,	R. E. Todd, M.B.	Ammanford	Pembroke Dk.
,,	G. Petit	Larkhill	Hamilton Cmp.
,,	H. Gibson	Wool Camp	Cosham.
,,	W. R. O'Farrell	London	Egypt.
,,	J. A. Renshaw	Dover	India.
,,	D. B. McGrigor, M.B.	Maidstone	,,
,,	R. G. S. Gregg, M.B.	Dublin	,,
,,	A. Hendry, M.B.	Bulford	,,
,,	J. R. Lloyd	Ross	,,
,,	J. F. Grant, M.B.	Fermoy	,,
,,	F. Worthington	Colchester	Somaliland.
,,	F. H. Bradley, M.B.	Edinburgh	Barry Camp.
,,	F. B. Dalgliesh	Tidworth	Netley.
,,	J. S. McCombe, M.B.	,,	Bulford.
,,	C. McQueen	Cork	South Africa.
,,	D. E. C. Pottinger, M.B.	Perth	Barry Camp.
,,	A. W. Byrne, M.B.	Manchester	Preston.
,,	S. W. Kyle, M.B.	Belfast	Omagh.
,,	J. W. Lane, M.D.	Dublin	Galway.
,,	S. S. Dykes, M.B.	Edinburgh	Barry Camp.
,,	P. S. Tomlinson	Tidworth	Wedgnoch Park Camp.
,,	G. P. Taylor, M.B.	Edinburgh	Glasgow.
,,	C. L. Franklin, M.B.	Porthcawl	Pembroke Dock.

Lieutenants W. G. Wright, M.B., and A. T. J. McCreery, M.B., who were appointed on probation August 1st, 1908, have been stationed at Netley.

Vital Statistics.

ENGLISH MORTALITY IN THE THIRD QUARTER OF 1909.

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IN the accompanying table will be found summarized the vital statistics for seventy-six of the largest English towns, based upon the Registrar-General's weekly returns for the third quarter of the year. The 103,855 births registered in these towns during the quarter under notice were equal to an annual rate of 25.3 per 1,000 of the population, estimated at 16,445,281 persons in the middle of the year; in the corresponding quarter of the three preceding years the rates were 27.9, 26.5, and 26.9 per 1,000 respectively. In London the birth-rate last quarter was equal to 23 9 per 1,000, while it averaged 25.9 in the seventy-five other large towns, and ranged from 14.6 in Hastings, 15.1 in Hornsey, 16.3 in Halifax, 17.0 in Bournemouth, 18 2 in Bradford, 18 5 in Northampton, 20.3 in Reading, and 20.9 in Brighton, to 31.7 in Rotherham, 32.1 in St. Helens, 32 2 in Newport (Mon.), 32 4 in Warrington, 33.0 in Swansea, 33 8 in Merthyr Tydfil, and 40 6 in Rhondda.

The 48,329 deaths registered in these towns last quarter were equal to an annual rate of 11 8 per 1,000, the rates in the three preceding third quarters having been 16.2, 12.2, and 13 3 per 1,000 respectively. The death-rate in London last quarter was equal to 10.8 per 1,000, while it averaged 12.2 in the seventy-five other large towns, and ranged from 5.8 in Hornsey, 6.4 in King's Norton, 7.5 in Walthamstow, 8.0 in Willesden, 8.1 in East Ham, and 8.5 in Burton-on-Trent, in Handsworth (Staffs), and in Barrow-in-Furness, to 15.0 in Great Yarmouth, 15 2 in Wigan, 15.4 in Bootle, 15.5 in Tynemouth, 15 6 in Middlesbrough, 15 8 in Newport (Mon.), 16.3 in Liverpool, and 17.7 in Swansea.

The deaths in the seventy-six towns last quarter included 6,517 which were referred to the principal infectious diseases; of these, 862 resulted from measles, 377 from scarlet fever, 438 from diphtheria, 704 from whooping-cough, 196 from "fever" (principally enteric), and 3,940 from diarrhoea, but not any from small-pox. These 6,517 deaths were equal to an annual rate of 1.59 per 1,000, the death-rates from the same diseases in the corresponding quarters of the three preceding years being 4.43, 1.47, and 2.35 per 1,000. In London the death-rate last quarter from these principal infectious diseases was 1.33 per 1,000, while it averaged 1.70 in the seventy-five other large towns, and ranged from 0.25 in Hornsey, 0.49 in King's Norton, 0.50 in Bournemouth, 0 53 in Hastings and in Ipswich, 0.57 in Croydon, and 0.58 in Barrow-in-Furness, to 2.92 in West Ham, 2.93 in Middlesbrough, 3.10 in Walsall, 3.17 in Warrington, 3.24 in West Bromwich, 3.25 in Rhondda, 3 51 in Swansea, 3.75 in Bootle, and 4.29 in Newport (Mon.). The 862 deaths from measles were equal to an annual rate of 0.21 per 1,000; in London the death-rate from this disease was 0.17 per 1,000, while it averaged 0 23 in the seventy-five other large towns, and was highest in Wolverhampton, Walsall, West Bromwich, Coventry, Salford, Stockton-on-Tees, and Newport (Mon.). The 377 fatal cases of scarlet fever corresponded to an annual rate of 0.09 per 1,000; in London the rate was 0.07, while the mean rate was 0.10 in the seventy-five other large towns, among which this disease was proportionately most fatal in Birmingham, Warrington, Manchester, Salford, Blackburn, South Shields, and Tynemouth The 438 deaths from diphtheria were equal to an annual rate of 0.11 per 1,000; the death-rate in London from this disease was 0 09, while it averaged 0.11 in the seventy-five other large towns, among which it showed the greatest proportional mortality in Devonport, Hanley, King's Norton, Salford, Rochdale, Barrow-in-Furness, and Tynemouth. The 704 fatal cases of whooping cough corresponded to a rate of 0.17 per 1,000; in London this disease caused a death-rate of 0.19 per 1,000, and in the seventy-five other towns a mean rate of 0.17; the highest rates in these towns were recorded in West Ham, Walthamstow, Great Yarmouth, Hanley, Walsall, Coventry, Derby, Wigan, Middlesbrough, and Swansea. The 196 deaths referred to different forms of "fever" were equal to an annual rate of 0.05 per 1,000; in London the "fever" death-rate was 0.02, while it averaged 0.06 in the seventy-five other large towns, and was highest in Portsmouth, Devonport, Grimsby, Warrington, Salford, and Rotherham. The 3,940 fatal cases of diarrhoea corresponded to a death-rate of 0.96 per 1,000; in London the death-rate from this cause was 0 79, while in the seventy-five other large towns the mean rate was 1.03, the greatest proportional mortality being recorded in West Ham, Nottingham, Liverpool, Bootle, Warrington, Sheffield, Rhondda, and Swansea

Infant mortality, measured by the proportion of deaths among children under one year of age to registered births, was equal to 119 per 1,000 last quarter, against 209, 109, and 145 in the third quarters of the three preceding years. In London the rate of infant mortality

Analysis of the Vital Statistics of Seventy-six of the Largest English Towns during the Third Quarter of 1909.

Towns.	Estimated Population middle of 1909.	Births.	Deaths.	Annual Rate per 1,000 Living. Births.	Deaths.	Principal Infectious Diseases.	Deaths from Principal Infectious Diseases.	Small-pox.	Measles.	Scarlet Fever.	Diphtheria.	Whooping-cough.	Fever.	Diarrhœa.	Deaths of Children under one year of age to 1,000 Births.	Rate per cent. of Uncertified Deaths.
76 Towns	16,445,281	103,855	48,329	25.3	11.8	1.59	6,517	—	862	377	438	704	196	3,948	119	0.7
75 Provincial Towns	11,611,343	74,994	35,320	25.9	12.2	1.70	4,917	—	658	298	328	481	169	2,983	122	1.0
London	4,833,938	28,861	13,009	23.9	10.8	1.33	1,600	—	204	79	110	223	27	957	109	0.1
Croydon	161,078	995	349	24.8	8.7	0.57	23	—	2	4	4	4	—	9	67	—
Willesden	160,424	988	319	24.7	8.0	1.04	41	—	1	5	—	3	—	32	84	0.6
Hornsey	95,628	361	139	15.1	5.8	0.25	6	—	—	—	1	2	—	3	50	—
Tottenham	129,464	924	287	28.6	8.9	0.80	26	—	1	1	4	3	—	17	77	—
West Ham	321,767	2,088	946	26.0	11.8	2.92	234	—	18	8	7	43	—	158	147	—
East Ham	149,575	866	303	23.2	8.1	1.23	46	—	4	6	6	6	—	24	100	—
Leyton	129,614	784	281	24.3	8.7	1.30	42	—	8	5	6	7	2	14	96	—
Walthamstow	136,602	777	257	22.8	7.5	1.27	43	—	7	1	5	18	1	11	76	0.4
Hastings	68,165	249	176	14.6	10.4	0.53	9	—	1	1	2	—	—	5	104	—
Brighton	130,926	682	380	20.9	11.6	0.91	30	—	—	—	4	6	2	18	82	0.8
Portsmouth	214,726	1,454	625	27.2	11.7	0.94	50	—	1	3	10	5	11	20	83	0.6
Bournemouth	72,368	306	181	17.0	10.0	0.50	9	—	—	—	—	2	—	7	98	—
Southampton	124,667	725	339	23.3	10.9	1.82	57	—	—	—	6	10	2	39	112	—
Reading	82,995	421	190	20.3	9.2	0.82	17	—	—	1	—	—	1	15	112	3.7
Northampton	97,752	452	240	18.5	9.8	0.73	18	—	1	2	1	—	1	13	104	1.3
Ipswich	74,889	459	184	24.6	9.9	0.53	10	—	1	2	1	—	—	6	52	—
Great Yarmouth	53,430	312	200	23.4	15.0	1.21	16	—	1	—	—	10	—	5	147	—
Norwich	124,136	717	384	23.2	12.4	2.27	70	—	17	4	4	—	3	42	137	1.3
Plymouth	124,180	696	353	22.5	11.4	1.51	47	—	—	2	5	8	2	30	139	—
Devonport	83,103	510	213	24.6	10.3	1.98	41	—	1	—	7	2	3	28	110	—
Bristol	377,642	2,126	994	22.6	10.6	1.18	111	—	14	6	12	10	3	66	103	0.1
Hanley	68,831	495	242	28.8	14.1	2.74	47	—	12	2	9	7	—	17	156	0.4
Burton-on-Trent	54,453	294	115	21.7	8.5	0.59	8	—	—	—	1	—	—	7	78	1.7
Wolverhampton	104,633	575	346	22.0	13.3	2.64	69	—	40	1	4	5	—	19	143	0.6
Walsall	99,399	668	304	27.0	12.3	3.10	77	—	21	1	2	10	3	40	151	—
Handsworth	70,186	391	149	22.3	8.5	1.03	18	—	1	2	1	3	—	11	87	0.7
West Bromwich	70,457	546	233	31.1	13.3	3.24	57	—	32	1	3	1	2	18	90	1.3
Birmingham	563,629	3,723	1,717	26.5	12.2	1.82	255	—	21	28	13	22	7	164	145	2.8
King's Norton	81,632	484	131	23.8	6.4	0.49	10	—	—	1	8	—	—	1	43	3.1
Smethwick	70,377	504	164	28.7	9.3	1.76	31	—	3	—	3	3	2	20	91	0.6
Aston Manor	85,257	498	197	23.4	9.3	1.46	31	—	3	4	1	2	1	20	127	0.5
Coventry	80,163	624	258	31.2	12.9	2.50	50	—	27	2	4	8	—	9	83	2.7
Leicester	244,255	1,366	659	22.4	10.8	1.90	116	—	2	8	3	16	1	86	144	0.6
Grimsby	73,036	554	202	30.4	11.1	1.85	34	—	—	—	1	1	7	25	101	2.0
Nottingham	263,443	1,625	887	24.7	13.5	2.48	162	—	17	2	4	1	3	135	177	0.1
Derby	129,411	817	358	25.3	11.1	1.77	57	—	5	—	7	23	1	21	120	—
Stockport	103,706	651	312	25.2	12.1	1.31	34	—	—	5	1	1	—	27	134	—
Birkenhead	121,123	926	393	30.7	13.0	1.51	46	—	4	1	1	1	1	38	146	0.3
Wallasey	71,004	439	173	24.8	9.8	0.80	14	—	3	3	—	—	1	7	75	1.2
Liverpool	760,357	5,779	3,087	30.5	16.3	2.71	514	—	73	26	23	18	10	364	155	2.3
Bootle	69,393	495	266	28.6	15.4	3.75	65	—	12	3	1	—	1	48	158	3.8
St. Helens	95,161	761	317	32.1	13.4	1.57	37	—	3	4	—	9	3	18	110	3.8
Wigan	90,678	678	344	30.0	15.2	2.56	58	—	2	3	—	10	3	40	168	0.3
Warrington	72,276	583	262	32.4	14.5	3.17	57	—	1	7	4	2	3	40	129	3.1
Bolton	187,824	1,181	598	25.2	12.8	1.46	68	—	6	3	5	6	5	43	135	0.8
Bury	59,234	309	171	20.9	11.6	1.09	16	—	—	—	1	1	1	13	113	1.2
Manchester	655,435	4,535	2,352	27.8	14.4	1.85	303	—	46	35	16	16	13	177	131	0.6
Salford	241,950	1,583	881	26.2	14.6	2.83	171	—	45	23	22	4	11	66	142	0.2
Oldham	143,301	975	531	27.3	14.9	1.16	41	—	7	2	4	5	1	22	86	0.2
Rochdale	89,653	530	287	23.7	12.8	0.84	19	—	1	1	6	2	1	8	92	1.7
Burnley	106,267	662	346	25.0	13.1	1.52	40	—	1	5	1	5	2	26	151	0.6
Blackburn	136,959	815	141	23.9	12.9	1.21	41	—	4	9	4	3	4	17	106	0.5
Preston	118,519	747	310	25.3	11.5	0.67	20	—	2	1	1	4	3	9	112	3.5
Barrow-in-Furness	62,996	405	133	25.8	8.5	0.58	9	—	—	—	5	—	2	2	52	1.5
Huddersfield	94,739	605	328	25.6	13.9	1.19	28	—	—	1	3	9	—	15	101	0.3
Halifax	111,911	455	285	16.3	10.2	0.79	22	—	—	5	5	3	2	7	62	0.7
Bradford	293,983	1,334	802	18.2	10.9	0.66	48	—	5	1	7	7	4	24	92	0.2
Leeds	484,012	2,814	1,433	23.3	11.9	1.11	136	—	21	3	11	22	6	73	136	0.2
Sheffield	470,958	3,269	1,501	27.8	12.8	2.02	238	—	5	6	3	4	7	213	143	0.9
Rotherham	65,070	514	190	31.7	11.7	1.78	29	—	—	—	—	1	3	25	113	2.6
York	87,004	497	199	22.9	9.2	0.66	14	—	1	1	—	—	1	11	105	—
Hull	275,552	2,015	868	29.3	12.6	2.01	138	—	8	—	7	15	3	105	120	0.7
Middlesbrough	105,255	772	409	29.4	15.6	2.93	77	—	—	2	6	21	3	45	154	1.0
Stockton-on-Tees	53,417	336	160	25.2	12.0	1.66	22	—	10	2	—	1	—	9	113	0.6
West Hartlepool	79,686	427	183	21.5	9.2	0.60	12	—	1	2	1	2	1	5	98	—
Sunderland	159,378	1,074	507	27.0	12.8	1.34	53	—	7	4	5	6	5	26	114	2.8
South Shields	117,627	797	379	27.2	12.9	1.56	46	—	10	7	3	8	—	18	143	2.9
Gateshead	131,024	903	338	27.6	10.3	0.97	32	—	7	4	4	4	—	13	86	4.7
Newcastle-on-Tyne	281,584	1,909	905	27.2	12.9	1.30	92	—	12	10	12	14	3	41	120	—
Tynemouth	55,808	440	215	31.6	15.5	1.80	25	—	2	3	5	—	—	15	125	2.3
Newport (Mon.)	78,336	629	309	32.2	15.8	4.29	84	—	61	1	1	1	2	18	141	0.3
Cardiff	195,303	1,246	556	25.6	11.4	1.44	70	—	4	2	5	17	3	39	111	—
Rhondda	135,894	1,377	503	40.6	14.8	3.25	110	—	16	6	4	3	—	81	159	0.6
Merthyr Tydfil	78,365	661	280	33.8	14.3	1.73	34	—	6	3	2	3	2	18	145	—
Swansea	98,308	810	434	33.0	17.7	3.51	86	—	10	1	—	12	1	62	172	—

during the three months under notice was 109, while in the seventy-five other large towns it averaged 122, and ranged from 43 in King's Norton, 50 in Hornsey, 52 in Ipswich and in Barrow-in-Furness, 62 in Halifax and 67 in Croydon, to 154 in Middlesbrough, 155 in Liverpool, and 156 in Hanley, 158 in Bootle, 159 in Rhondda, 168 in Wigan, 172 in Swansea, and 177 in Nottingham.

The causes of 360, or 0 7 per cent., of the deaths registered in the seventy-six towns last quarter were not certified, either by a registered medical practitioner or by a coroner. All the causes of death were duly certified in West Ham, Newcastle-on-Tyne, Cardiff, Croydon, and eighteen other smaller towns; the highest proportions of uncertified deaths were 3.1 in King's Norton and in Warrington, 3 5 in Preston, 3.7 in Reading, 3.8 in Bootle and in St. Helens, and 4.7 in Gateshead.

HEALTH OF ENGLISH TOWNS.

IN seventy-six of the largest English towns, including London, 7,852 births and 3,845 deaths were registered during the week ending Saturday last, October 16th. The annual rate of mortality in these towns, which had been 12.6, 12 3, and 12.9 per 1,000 in the three preceding weeks, declined again last week to 12.2 per 1,000. The rates in the several towns ranged from 6 0 in Hornsey, 6.7 in Handsworth (Staffs), 6.8 in Willesden, 7.1 in Croydon, and 7.2 in Leyton, in Warrington, and in West Hartlepool to 16.3 in Smethwick and in Middlesbrough, 17.2 in Salford, 17.3 in Wigan, 17.5 in Liverpool, 17.8 in Grimsby, 18.6 in Merthyr Tydfil, and 18.9 in Oldham In London the rate of mortality was 12 0 per 1,000, while it averaged 12.3 in the seventy-five other large towns. The death-rate from the principal infectious diseases averaged 1 2 per 1,000 in the seventy-six towns; in London these diseases caused a death-rate of 1.0 per 1,000, while among the seventy-five other large towns the death-rates ranged upwards to 3.0 in Middlesbrough, 3.1 in South Shields, 4.3 in Grimsby, 4 6 in Rhondda, 5.9 in Great Yarmouth, and 6 1 in Hanley. Measles caused a death-rate of 1.5 in Rhondda; diphtheria of 3.0 in Hanley; whooping-cough of 2.0 in Great Yarmouth; "fever" of 1.4 in Grimsby; and diarrhoea of 2 0 in Middlesbrough, 2.1 in Grimsby, 2.2 in South Shields, and 3.9 in Great Yarmouth The mortality from scarlet fever showed no marked excess in any of the large towns, and no fatal case of small-pox was registered during the week. The number of scarlet fever patients under treatment in the Metropolitan Asylums Hospitals and the London Fever Hospital, which had been 2,686, 2,737 and 2,745 at the end of the three preceding weeks, had further risen to 2,810 at the end of last week; 371 new cases were admitted during the week, against 438, 373, and 324 in the three preceding weeks. Two small-pox patients were admitted to the Metropolitan Asylums Hospitals during the week.

HEALTH OF SCOTTISH TOWNS.

DURING the week ending Saturday last, October 16th, 838 births and 456 deaths were registered in eight of the principal Scottish towns. The annual rate of mortality in these towns, which had been 13.8, 13 1, and 12.0 per 1,000 in the three preceding weeks, rose again last week to 12 8 per 1,000, and was 0.6 per 1,000 above the mean rate during the same period in the seventy-six large English towns. Among these Scottish towns the death-rates ranged from 6.7 in Leith and 9 6 in Paisley to 13.9 in Dundee and 15.6 in Perth. The death-rates from the principal infectious diseases averaged 1.3 per 1,000 in these eight towns, the highest rates being recorded in Glasgow and Paisley. The 229 deaths registered in Glasgow included 7 from measles, 3 from scarlet fever, 8 from diphtheria, 3 from enteric fever, and 6 from diarrhoea. Two fatal cases of diphtheria and 2 of diarrhoea were recorded in Edinburgh, and 3 of diarrhoea in Dundee, and 2 in Paisley.

HEALTH OF IRISH TOWNS.

DURING the week ending Saturday, October 16th, 597 births and 334 deaths were registered in the twenty-two principal urban districts of Ireland, as against 581 births and 428 deaths in the preceding period. The annual death-rate in these districts, which had been 16 9, 16.2, and 15 1 per 1,000 in the three preceding weeks, rose to 15.2 per 1,000 in the week under notice, this figure being 3.0 per 1,000 higher than the mean annual death-rate in the seventy-six English towns for the corresponding period. The figures in Dublin and Belfast were 16.0 and 14.0 respectively, those in other districts ranging from 4.8 in Sligo and 6.9 in Armagh to 23.2 in Limerick and 28.6 in Newtownards, while Cork stood at 21.2, Londonderry at 14.5, and Waterford at 15 6. The zymotic death-rate in the twenty-two districts averaged 1.3 per 1,000, as against 1.7 per 1,000 in the preceding period.

Hospitals and Asylums.

ROYAL EDINBURGH ASYLUM, MORNINGSIDE.

THE annual report for the year 1908 contains the first medical report of Dr. G. M. Robertson as Physician-Superintendent. On January 1st, 1908, there were in the asylum 733 patients, and on the last day of the year 741. The total cases under care during the year numbered 982, and the average number daily resident 733.8. During the year 239 were admitted, or 78 fewer than in the previous year. The admission-rate, Dr. Robertson says, has been steadily falling for the past three years, owing to the fact that the parish of Edinburgh has been sending an increasing number to Bangour Village Asylum instead of, as formerly, to the Royal Edinburgh Asylum. Of the total admissions, 199 were first admissions. In 95 the attacks were first attacks within three, and in 35 more within twelve months of admission; in 39 not-first attacks within twelve months, and in the remainder the attacks were either of more than twelve months' duration (57) or of congenital origin. The total admissions were classified according to the forms of mental disorder into: Mania of all kinds, 93; melancholia of all kinds, 94; senile and organic dementia, 14; general paralysis, 32; acquired epilepsy, 4; and congenital or infantile defect, 2. With regard to probable causation, alcoholic intemperance was assigned in 34, or 14.2 per cent., of whom 26, or 10.8 per cent. of the total admissions, were diagnosed as cases of alcoholic insanity; syphilis in 6 and influenza in 11; critical periods in 46; nervous diseases in 7; bodily trauma in 3; various bodily diseases in 12; mental and moral stress in 9, and in 120 no cause could be assigned. Hereditary influences were ascertained in 66, or 27.6 per cent., and congenital defect existed in 2. Previous attacks had occurred in 77. During the year 75 were discharged as recovered, giving a recovery rate on the admissions of 31.3 per cent.; 63 as relieved, and 28 as not improved. Also during the year 64 died, giving a death-rate on the average numbers resident of 6.5 per cent. The deaths were due in 35 to nervous diseases, including 18 deaths from general paralysis; in 17 to thoracic diseases, including 9 deaths, or 14 per cent. of the total deaths, from pulmonary consumption, and 12 from general diseases.

Vacancies and Appointments.

This list of vacancies is compiled from our advertisement columns, where full particulars will be found. To ensure notice in this column, advertisements must be received not later than the first post on Wednesday morning.

VACANCIES.

BRISTOL: COSSHAM MEMORIAL HOSPITAL, KINGSWOOD.—House-Surgeon.

BRISTOL ROYAL HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN AND WOMEN.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £50 per annum.

BRISTOL ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Resident Casualty Officer. Salary at the rate of £50 per annum.

CARDIFF INFIRMARY.—House-Surgeon for the Ophthalmic and Ear and Throat Departments. Honorarium, £30 for six months.

CHELSEA HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN, Fulham Road, S.W.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £80 per annum.

CHICHESTER: WEST SUSSEX AND EAST HANTS GENERAL INFIRMARY AND DISPENSARY.—Male House-Surgeon. Salary, £90 per annum.

CITY OF LONDON HOSPITAL FOR DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Victoria Park, E.—Physician to Out-patients.

DUDLEY: GUEST HOSPITAL.—Senior Resident Medical Officer. Salary £100 per annum, increasing to £120.

EAST LONDON HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Shadwell.—House-Surgeon (male). Salary at the rate of £75 per annum.

EVELINA HOSPITAL FOR SICK CHILDREN, Southwark Bridge Road, S.E.—House-Physician. Salary at the rate of £60 per annum.

GLASGOW UNIVERSITY.—Additional Examiner for the Degree Examinations in Zoology and Anatomy.

GREAT NORTHERN CENTRAL HOSPITAL, Holloway Road, N.—(1) Physician. (2) Surgeon to the Ear and Throat Department.

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL.—Assistant County Medical Officer of Health. Salary, £250 per annum.

HANLEY, STOKE, FENTON, AND LONGTON JOINT HOSPITAL BOARD.—Resident (Lady) Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £100 per annum.

HULL: ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Casualty House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £60 per annum for six months' appointment, or £80 per annum for twelve months.

IPSWICH: EAST SUFFOLK AND IPSWICH HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £65 per annum.

LINCOLN.—Assistant Medical Officer of Health. Salary at the rate of £250 per annum.

LINCOLN COUNTY HOSPITAL.—Junior Male House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £75 per annum.

LIVERPOOL ROYAL INFIRMARY.—Honorary Physician.

LONDON TEMPERANCE HOSPITAL, Hampstead Road, N.W.—Medical Registrar. Honorarium, 40 guineas per annum.

LONDON THROAT HOSPITAL, Great Portland Street, W.—(1) Assistant Surgeon; (2) Two Assistant Anaesthetists.

LOWESTOFT HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary at the rate of £100 per annum.

MAIDSTONE: KENT COUNTY ASYLUM.—Male Fourth Assistant Medical Officer. Salary, £175 per annum.

MANCHESTER NORTHERN HOSPITAL FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN.—Honorary Surgeon for Children.

MOUNT VERNON HOSPITAL FOR CONSUMPTION AND DISEASES OF THE CHEST, Hampstead.—Senior and Junior Resident Medical Officers. Honorarium, £100 and £50 per annum respectively.

NOTTINGHAM GENERAL DISPENSARY.—Assistant Resident Surgeon (male). Salary, £160 per annum.

NOTTINGHAM GENERAL HOSPITAL.—(1) House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum, increasing to £120. (2) Assistant House-Physician. Salary, £60 per annum.

QUEEN CHARLOTTE'S LYING-IN HOSPITAL, Marylebone Road, N.W.—Resident Medical Officer for Out-patient Department. Salary at the rate of £60 per annum.

ROYAL LONDON OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL, City Road, E.C.—Third House-Surgeon. Salary, £50 per annum.

ROYAL WESTMINSTER OPHTHALMIC HOSPITAL, King William Street, W.C.—(1) Assistant House-Surgeon; (2) Pathologist and Curator. Salary for (1) £20 for six months, and (2) £50 per annum.

ST. BARTHOLOMEW'S HOSPITAL, E.C.—Surgeon.

ST. MARY'S HOSPITAL, Paddington, W.—Assistant Physician to Out-patients.

STAFFORD: STAFFORDSHIRE GENERAL INFIRMARY.—Assistant House-Surgeon. Salary, £82 per annum.

STAMFORD HILL AND STOKE NEWINGTON DISPENSARY, N.—Assistant Medical Officer (male). Salary, £100 per annum.

STROUD GENERAL HOSPITAL.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £100 per annum.

THROAT HOSPITAL, Golden Square, W.—Resident House-Surgeon. Salary, £75 per annum.

VICTORIA HOSPITAL FOR CHILDREN, Tite Street, S.W.—House-Surgeon. Salary, £30 for six months.

WAKEFIELD: CLAYTON HOSPITAL.—Senior House-Surgeon. Salary, £120 per annum.

CERTIFYING FACTORY SURGEONS.—The Chief Inspector of Factories announces vacancies at Lauder, co. Berwick; Longford, co. Longford; and Airdrie, co. Lanark.

APPOINTMENTS.

ALLAN, Kenneth Bruce, M.B., B.S.Durh., Assistant House-Surgeon to the Norfolk and Norwich Hospital.

ANDERSON, W., M.B., Medical Officer of Laindon Workhouse of the Poplar Borough.

BERGIN, W. Marmaduke, M.B., B.S.Lond., F.R.C.S.Edin., Assistant Surgeon, Royal Eye Hospital, Southwark, S.E.

CONNOLLY, T. J., M.B., B Ch.R.U I., Certifying Factory Surgeon for the Kinvara District, co. Galway.

DODDS, H. Bonar, M.D.Edin., District Medical Officer, St. Vincent, West Indies.

GLASHAN, Herbert W., M.B Aber., Assistant Medical Officer to the Natal Government Asylum, Pietermaritzburg.

HEWAT A. Middleton, M.B., D.P.H.Edin., Assistant Medical Officer of Health for the County Borough of Derby.

HOGG, Miss Kate, M D, Ch.B., Clinical Assistant to Dr. Norman Walker at the Edinburgh Royal Infirmary.

HUME, J., M.S., C.M., D.P.H., Clinical Assistant to the Chelsea Hospital for Women.

JUDAH, D., M.B., B.S., Clinical Assistant to the Chelsea Hospital for Women.

LAPAGE, C. P., M.D., M.R.C.P., Lecturer in the Observation of Children and School Hygiene to the Manchester University.

MCNEIL, Charles, M.D., Clinical Assistant to Dr. R. A. Fleming in the Medical Waiting Room, Edinburgh Royal Infirmary.

NEWTON, F. M., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., Resident Medical Officer, Stoke-upon-Trent Union Workhouse.

POLLARD, Reginald, M.B., M.R.C.S., Clinical Assistant to the Chelsea Hospital for Women.

PRATT, C. C., L.S.A., District Medical Officer of the Crediton Union.

STEWARD, S. J., M.B., B.C., Second Resident Assistant Medical Officer, Islington Parish Infirmary.

WOODFORDE, A. W .G., M.R.C S., L.R.C.P., Resident Assistant Medical Officer, Mile End Old Town Infirmary.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES, AND DEATHS.

The charge for inserting announcements of Births, Marriages, and Deaths is 3s 6d., which sum should be forwarded in post-office orders or stamps with the notice not later than Wednesday morning, in order to ensure insertion in the current issue.

BIRTH.

WATKINS.—On October 15th, at Stone-Legh, Newton-le-Willows, Lancashire, the wife of Harold E. Watkins, M.R.C.S.Eng., of a daughter.

MARRIAGES.

GABE—MORRIS.—On October 12th, at Libanus Chapel, Morriston R.S.O., Glamorganshire, by the Rev. Dyfodwg Davies, assisted by the Rev. W. Emlyn Jones, William Gabe, M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P.Lond., to May, elder daughter of William Morris, Bryntawe, Morriston R.S O., Glamorganshire.

ODELL—MOORE.—On the 14th inst., at St. Mary Magdalene's, Torquay, by the Rev. Canon Ransford, M.A., Vicar of St. Paul's, Upper Norwood, assisted by the Rev. E. P. Gregg, M.A., Vicar of the parish, and the Rev. R. W. Odell, M.A., Vicar of St. Matthew's, Brighton, cousin of the bridegroom, William Odell, M.D., F.R.C S., of Ferndale, Torquay, to Ruth Annie, younger daughter of Joseph Moore, Esq., of Culross, Torquay.

PAGE—SHILLITOE.—On the 14th inst., at St. Mary's Church, Hitchin, by the Rev. R. C. Page, M.A., Rector of Trimingham, Norfolk, brother of the bridegroom, the Rev. Charles Thorneby, M.A., Vicar of St. Philips, Dalston, and the Rev. A. H. Wells, B A., Curate of the parish, Cecil Herbert Winter Page, M.A., M.D. Cantab., of North Walsham, fourth son of Charles Fountain Page, of Heigham Cottage, Norwich, to Violet Mary, only daughter of Richard Shillitoe, M.R.C.S., of Bancroft, Hitchin.

SWANN—CASSELS.—At the Grand Hotel, Glasgow, on 18th October, by the Rev. Thos. Currie, M.A., Langside Hill, U. F. Church, assisted by the Rev. David H. Tweeddale, M.A., New Leeds U. F. Church, Alexander James Thompson Swann, M.B., Ch.M Glasg., West African Medical Staff, Northern Nigeria, to Effie Jemima Cassels, L.R.C.P. and S.Edin., L.F.P.S., elder daughter of A. B. Cassels, 12, Campbell Avenue, Langside.

DEATH.

MOORE.—On August 20th, 1909, at Napier, Ellen, beloved wife of W. W. Moore, M.D (N Z.), M R.C P.Lond., F.R.C S.Eng., Superintendent of the Napier Hospital, aged 32 years.

RECENT PUBLICATIONS.

Why Worry? By G. L. Walton, M.D. The Simple Life Series. London: W. Heinemann. 1909. (Cr. 8vo, pp. 275. 2s. 6d.)

A reissue as part of the "Simple Life Series," in a cheaper but well-printed form, of a book which was commended in a review published on July 25th, 1908, p. 203.

Stories of the Rabbis. By J. M. Myers. London: Kegan, Paul, Trench, Trübner and Co. 1909. (Cr. 8vo, pp. 102. 1s.)

A collection of stories of Jewish rabbis, written, it may be assumed, by a believing Jew, and designed to bring out the best side of the Jewish character—its simple piety, its practical sympathy for the poor and distressed, and its respect for learning and learned men.

DIARY FOR THE WEEK.

MONDAY.

MEDICAL SOCIETY OF LONDON, 11, Chandos Street, Cavendish Square, W., 8.30 p m.—Paper: Dr. F. W. Hewitt, M.V.O: The Need for Legislation in Regard to Anaesthetics, and the Lines upon which it should take place.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C., 5 p m—Museum Demonstration by Professor Shattock: Adenoma and Papilloma.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE:
ODONTOLOGICAL SECTION, 20, Hanover Square, 8 p m.—(1) Paper: Mr. A. Hopewell Smith: Case of Infective Disease of the Jaws associated with Absorption of the Teeth. (2) Casual Communications. (3) Presidential Address by Mr. William Hern.

TUESDAY.

MEDICO-LEGAL SOCIETY, 11, Chandos Street, W., 8.15 p.m.—(1) Presidential Address; (2) Notes on the *Post-mortem* Examinations of Bodies found in the River, by Dr. F. G. Crookshank.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE:
MEDICAL SECTION, 20, Hanover Square, 5.30 p.m.—Paper: Dr. Robert Maguire: On Oxaluria and the Treatment of Calcium Oxalate Deposit from the Urine, with a Method for the Solution of Calcium Oxalate Calculus whilst in the Urinary Passages.

WEDNESDAY.

HUNTERIAN SOCIETY, 17, Finsbury Circus, E.C., 8.30 p.m.—Clinical and Pathological evening.

THURSDAY.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE:
NEUROLOGICAL SECTION, 20, Hanover Square, 8.30 p.m.—Presidential Address by Professor Sherrington, F.R.S.

FRIDAY.

ROYAL COLLEGE OF SURGEONS OF ENGLAND, Lincoln's Inn Fields, W.C., 5 p.m.—Museum Demonstration by Professor Keith: Specimens illustrating Malformations of the Abdominal Wall and Irregularities in the Fixation of the Viscera.

ROYAL SOCIETY OF MEDICINE:
BALNEOLOGICAL AND CLIMATOLOGICAL SECTION, 20, Hanover Square, 6 p.m.—(1) Presidential Address by Dr Leonard Williams. (2) Paper: Dr. Eyre: The Hygiology of Naples.

POST-GRADUATE COURSES AND LECTURES.

CENTRAL LONDON THROAT AND EAR HOSPITAL, Gray's Inn Road, W.C.—Lectures: Tuesday, 3.45 p.m., Pharynx and Nasopharynx; Friday, 3.45 p.m., Pharynx and Nasopharynx.

LONDON SCHOOL OF CLINICAL MEDICINE, Seamen's Hospital, Greenwich.—Daily arrangements: Out-patient Demonstrations, 10 a.m.; Medical and Surgical Clinics, 2 15 p.m. and 3.15 p.m. respectively; Operations, 2 p m. Special Clinics: Ear and Throat, at noon and 4 p.m., Monday, and noon, Thursday; Skin, at noon and 4 p.m., Thursday, and noon, Friday; Eye, 11 a.m., Wednesday and Saturday; Radiography, 4 p.m., Thursday. Special Lectures: Wednesday, 3.30 p.m., Some Frequent Mistakes in Ophthalmic Diagnosis. Thursday, 2.30 p.m., Three Recent Cases of Pleurisy. Friday, 3.15 p m., Some Points in the Surgical Treatment of Chronic Intestinal Obstruction.

MEDICAL GRADUATES' COLLEGE AND POLYCLINIC, 22, Chenies Street, W.C.—The following clinical demonstrations have been arranged for next week at 4 p.m. each day: Monday, Skin; Tuesday, Medical; Wednesday, Surgical; Thursday, Surgical; Friday, Ear. Lectures at 5.15 p.m. each day will be given as follow: Monday, "Some Complications of Nasal Sinus Disease"; Tuesday, "The Prognosis and Etiology of Mitral Incompetence"; Wednesday, "Notes on Tuberculin Treatment"; Thursday, "On the Examination of the Person."

NATIONAL HOSPITAL FOR THE PARALYSED AND EPILEPTIC, Queen Square, W.C.—Monday and Thursday, 4 p.m., The Anatomy of Medulla Oblongata and Pons Varolii. Tuesday, 3.30 p.m., Myatonia Atrophica. Friday, 3.30 p.m., Myatonia Congenita and Its Relations to the Myopathies.

NORTH-EAST LONDON POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, Prince of Wales's General Hospital, Tottenham, N.—Monday, Clinics, 10 a.m., Surgical Out-patient. 2.30 p.m., Medical Out-patient: Nose. Throat and Ear; *X* rays; 4.30 p.m., Medical In-patient. Tuesday, 10 a.m., Medical Out-patient Clinic; 2.30 p m, Operations; Clinics: Surgical, Gynaecological; 4.30 p.m, Demonstration of Selected Skin Cases. Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Medical Out-patient, Skin and Eye Clinics. Thursday, 2 30 p m., Gynaecological Operations; Clinics: Medical Out-patient; Surgical Out-patient; *X* rays; 3 p.m., Medical In-patient; 4.30 p m, Lecture: Perforated Gastric Ulcer. Friday, Clinic: 10 a m., Surgical Out-patient; 2.30 p.m., Operations; Clinics: Medical Out-patient, Eye; 3 p m., Medical In-patient.

POST-GRADUATE COLLEGE, West London Hospital, Hammersmith, London, W.—The following are the arrangements for next week: Daily, 2 p.m., Medical and Surgical Clinics; *X* Rays; 2.30 p.m., Operations; Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, 2 p.m. Saturday, 10 a.m., Diseases of Eyes; Tuesday and Friday, 10 a.m., Gynaecological Operations; 2 p.m. (Wednesday and Saturday, 10 a m.), Diseases of Throat, Nose, and Ear; 2.30 p m., Diseases of the Skin; Wednesday, 2.30 p.m., Diseases of Women. Lectures: 10 a.m., Monday and Thursday, Demonstration by Surgical Registrar; Friday, Demonstration by Medical Registrar; at 12 noon, Pathological Demonstration; at 12.15 p.m. Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, and Saturday, Practical Medicine; at 5 p.m., Monday, Practical Surgery; Tuesday, Clinical Pathology; Thursday, Common Diseases of the Nasal Cavities and the Pharynx; Friday, Peripheral Neuritis.

CALENDAR OF THE ASSOCIATION.

Date.	Meetings to be Held.
OCTOBER.	
24 Sunday ..	
25 MONDAY ..	
26 TUESDAY ..	
27 WEDNESDAY	**London: Central Council, 2 p.m.** FOLKESTONE DIVISION, *South-Eastern Branch*, Combined Meeting of East Kent Divisions, Victoria Hospital, Folkestone, 3.15 p.m.; Luncheon, Hotel Wampach, 1.30 p.m. RICHMOND DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Annual Dinner, Trocadero Restaurant, 8 p.m.
28 THURSDAY ..	BROMLEY DIVISION, *South-Eastern Branch*, Bell Hotel, Bromley, 8.30 p.m. NORWOOD DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Queen's Hotel, Upper Norwood, 4 p.m.; Committee, 3.45 p.m.
29 FRIDAY ..	BIRMINGHAM BRANCH, Pathological and Clinical Section, Medical Institute, Edmund Street, 8 p.m. MAIDSTONE DIVISION, *South-Eastern Branch*, Kent County Ophthalmic Hospital, Maidstone, 3.30 p.m. TOTTENHAM DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Tottenham Hospital, 4.30 p.m.
30 SATURDAY ..	NORTHERN COUNTIES OF SCOTLAND BRANCH, Clinical Meeting, Gray's Hospital, Elgin, 12.30 p.m.
31 Sunday ..	

Date.	Meetings to be Held.
NOVEMBER.	
1 MONDAY ..	LONDON: Standing Ethical Subcommittee, 2 p.m.
2 TUESDAY ..	WARRINGTON DIVISION, *Lancashire and Cheshire Branch*, Scientific Meeting, Infirmary, Warrington, 8 p.m. WEST SOMERSET BRANCH, Autumn Meeting, Taunton and Somerset Hospital, 4 p.m.; West Somerset Medical Dinner to follow meeting.
3 WEDNESDAY	LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH, Branch Ethical Committee, Liverpool Medical Institution, 4.30 p.m.
4 THURSDAY ..	
5 FRIDAY ..	LONDON: Special Poor Law Reform Committee, 2.30 p.m. GUILDFORD DIVISION, *South-Eastern Branch*, Autumn Meeting, Royal Surrey County Hospital, Guildford, 4.30 p.m.; Tea, 4.15 p.m.; Dinner, Lion Hotel, 6.30 p.m.
6 SATURDAY ..	
7 Sunday ..	
8 MONDAY ..	
9 TUESDAY ..	
10 WEDNESDAY	LANCASHIRE AND CHESHIRE BRANCH, Branch Organization and Finance Committee, Onward Buildings, Deansgate, Manchester, 4.30 p.m.
11 THURSDAY ..	BIRMINGHAM BRANCH, Medical Institute, Edmund Street, 3.30 p.m. CITY DIVISION, *Metropolitan Counties Branch*, Pathological Demonstration, St. Bartholomew's Hospital, 4 p.m.
12 FRIDAY ..	
13 SATURDAY ..	

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